



Texas Women Killed by their Intimate Partner in 2002

*The Texas Council on Family Violence tracks to the best of our ability the stories of women who were killed by their intimate partners in Texas. This list names the 109 women killed in 2002 and gives brief accounts of their deaths. We learn of these women from a combination of records including Texas Department of Public Safety data, media reports and law enforcement records. **There are undoubtedly other victims of domestic homicide who remain uncounted.** The list below reflects the most accurate information available to TCFV researchers at the time of compilation. We also update our records annually, or as media coverage alerts us to developments.*

ATASCOSA COUNTY

Elisar Villalobos, 45

Residence: Pleasanton

March 23, 2002

Police say Elisar was shot by her ex-boyfriend, Jimmy Rodriguez, 45, after he discovered she was dating someone else. Police say Rodriguez also shot Villalobos' new boyfriend, Jose Edward Uribe, 49. Rodriguez was charged in Villalobos' death.

BASTROP COUNTY

Cindy Ann Runion Orozco, 43

Residence: Bastrop

January 7, 2002

Cindy was found dead in her home when her co-workers called police after she didn't show up for work. Police suspect Cindy's husband, Roberto Ruiz, killed her and then fled to Mexico. Orozco had two daughters.

BEXAR COUNTY

Suzanne Davis, 39

Residence: Universal City

March 12, 2002

Suzanne was shot five times by her estranged husband, Gordon Davis, 39. The couple had been separated for about six months prior to the shooting. Gordon pleaded guilty to his wife's murder and was sentenced to 38 years in prison. Suzanne had two children.

Janie Gomez Gonzalez, 50

Residence: San Antonio

June 4, 2002

Police found the bodies of Janie and her boyfriend, Javier Avila, 29, in the driveway of their home. Investigators say a struggle occurred before Avila shot Janie and then himself. Gonzalez had two adult daughters.

Rachel Guerrero, 37

Residence: San Antonio

December 15, 2002

Rachel was shot by her common-law husband, Jesus Suttles. Police say Suttles attempted to kill Guerrero's two teen-age children as well. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Tammy Harrison, 31

Residence: San Antonio

October 25, 2002

Tammy was shot by her boyfriend, Eugene Jackson, 38, following an argument. Jackson had recently been released from jail, and the couple had plans to marry. Police say Tammy's three children were home when she was killed. Jackson was sentenced to 40 years in prison for her murder.

Beverly McCottry, 42

Residence: San Antonio

October 27, 2002

Beverly was strangled by her ex-husband, Marion McCottry, 43. Police say Beverly had ended the marriage in 2001, but her ex-husband kept harassing her. According to family members, Beverly refused to go to the police because she wanted her children to be able to see their father. Her two teen-age children found Beverly's body lying on the bedroom floor. Marion was sentenced to life in prison for her murder.

Susan McFarland, 43

Residence: Terrell Hills

November 25, 2002

Susan's burned body was found weeks after her death in an old pickup truck near her home. Investigators concluded that she died of blunt-force trauma to the head. She had been planning to file for divorce from her husband, Richard McFarland, 46, and try to get custody of their three children, police said. Richard discovered his wife's plan to end their relationship by snooping on her computer, he told police. A few days later, Richard reported Susan missing. He later pleaded guilty to killing his wife and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Andrea Rodriguez, 19

Residence: San Antonio

July 28, 2002

Andrea was shot by her boyfriend, Sean Carlo Woodard, 28, as they drove home from a party. Police say Rodriguez's three-year-old daughter was wounded in the shoulder by the same bullet. Woodard pleaded guilty and faces up to 20 years in prison.

Earline Stille, 65

Residence: San Antonio

September 9, 2002

Earline was stabbed at home by her husband, Henry Stille, 82, who confessed to the murder. Family members told police he had a long history of schizophrenia.

Cornie Williams, 21

Residence: San Antonio

March 16, 2002

Cornie was shot in the neck by her boyfriend, Daryl James Mitchell, 26. Cornie called her father on the day of her murder and asked him to pick her up because she was leaving Mitchell and moving out of the apartment they shared. She then called the police and reported that Mitchell was trying to hurt her. Four minutes later, police entered the home and found Cornie dead. Family members described the couple's relationship as violent. Mitchell was sentenced to 99 years in prison.

BOSQUE COUNTY

Nora Guerrero, 26

Residence: Meridian

March 5, 2002

Nora was shot by her ex-husband, Gerry Lamont Crawford. Nora called 911 for help after she was struck in the face by her ex-husband. When police arrived, Crawford barred them from entering the house. He then fatally shot Nora, then himself. She died of her injuries early the next day. Nora had three children.

BRAZORIA COUNTY

Sonya White, 32

Residence: Angleton

February, 2002

Sonya was strangled and beaten to death by her estranged husband, Chelce White. Police say Chelce had been stalking Sonya before her body was found near a rural road. Chelce was indicted in Sonya's death and faces life in prison. She had a son.

BRAZOS COUNTY

Jacqueline Roquemore, 18

Residence: Sugar Land

December 28, 2002

Jacqueline was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend, Christopher Taylor Young, 23. He drove to College Station for an unannounced visit, and when he discovered Jacqueline

wasn't home, he waited outside her apartment until she arrived home the next day. Witnesses say he began arguing with Jacqueline in the parking lot, then shot her in the chest before turning the gun on himself.

CAMERON COUNTY

Alma Duque, 32

Residence: Brownsville

May 16, 2002

Alma was shot in the back of the head by her husband, Jose Duque Jr., after he accused her of cheating on him. The couple's 3-year-old child was in the house at the time of the shooting. Jose Duque was sentenced to 20 years in prison for Alma's death. She had four children in all.

Dorothy Gracia Nieto, 42

Residence: Harlingen

July 20, 2002

Police say Dorothy was stabbed in her car by her husband, Manuel Ramirez Nieto, 39. She had separated from Manuel, but agreed to meet him in a church parking lot. Manuel became violent and stabbed her 16 times in the chest and back, investigators say. Manuel then drove his wife to the emergency room, where she died. He was charged in her death. She had three children.

Aina Reilley, 37

Residence: Harlingen

April 6, 2002

According to police reports, Aina was strangled and then stabbed in the neck with a piece of glass by her common-law husband, James Buchanan.

CAMP COUNTY

Cathe June Davenport, 36

Residence: Pittsburg, TX

December 14, 2002

Police say Cathe was strangled at home by her husband, James Clayton Davenport. The couple was going through a divorce and their two children were home when the murder took place. James Davenport pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 99 years in prison.

COLLIN COUNTY

Amy Wingfield, 31

Residence: Celina

May 16, 2002

Amy was shot sniper-style from a distance by her husband, Raymond Wingfield, 31. He also shot Amy's coworker, a fellow nurse, with whom she was walking during lunch in the hospital parking lot. Amy died of a head wound and her friend, Lisa Stewart, 41, was partially paralyzed in the shooting. Raymond Wingfield pleaded guilty and was sentenced

to 60 years in prison for his wife's death. He also received a 20-year sentence for shooting Stewart, then got another 10-year sentence tacked on for plotting from jail to have Lisa killed months after the attack. Amy Wingfield had two children.

Laurel Morris, 30

Residence: Plano

October 14, 2002

Laurel was shot in the head by her husband, Jessie Morris III, 34, who then turned the gun on himself. Laurel had a 5-month-old daughter.

Stacy Muslow, 31

Residence: Frisco

September 16, 2002

Stacy was found on the side of a Collin County road with several gunshot wounds to the face. Police arrested her boyfriend, who was jailed until trial for her death.

Delilah Dione "D.D." Wallace, age unknown

Residence: Farmersville

October 12, 2002

Delilah was shot by her husband, Samuel Wallace, who then killed himself. Relatives said D.D. was planning to leave Samuel. The couple had gotten into an argument when he left the house and returned with a shotgun. She had one child.

COOKE COUNTY

Kay Tompkins, 42

Residence: Gainesville

November 20, 2002

According to police reports, Kay was shot to death by her husband, Michael Tompkins, 43, who then turned the gun on himself.

DALLAS COUNTY

Misty Dixon Acevedo, 26

Residence: Garland

January 3, 2002

Misty was stabbed and shot by her ex-boyfriend, Todd Alex Caro, at her workplace. Police charged Caro in her death one month later. Misty had three children.

Racquel Barrientos, 23

Residence: Dallas

September 14, 2002

Racquel was stabbed by her estranged boyfriend, Alexander Ortiz, 32, after he broke into her apartment. Ortiz confessed to stabbing Racquel more than 100 times. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Loretta Hunter, 45
Residence: DeSoto
September 26, 2002

Loretta was shot to death by her husband, Norman Hunter, 40, who then took his own life.

Georgia Medellin, 30
Residence: Duncanville
August 19, 2002

Georgia was shot by her estranged husband, Juan Medellin, 31. She had filed for divorce shortly before her murder. She had also filed two harassment charges, which had landed him in jail. Juan Medellin was out on a \$2,000 bond when he shot his wife as she dropped off their three children at his mother's house. He forced Georgia into her car, shot her, and then drove from Dallas to Temple, where he pulled over and killed himself during a stand-off with police. Georgia had repeatedly told co-workers and friends that she feared she was going to be murdered by her husband.

Ana Mendez-Sanchez, 33
Residence: Dallas
September 15, 2002

Police say Ana was stabbed by her estranged husband, Antonio Ramos, 32. The couple were seen arguing in the parking lot of an apartment complex when police say he stabbed her and then fled on foot. Police later arrested Ramos and charged him in her death.

Rosalinda Moreno, 35
Residence: Oak Cliff
May 26, 2002

Rosalinda was accused of being unfaithful, beaten more than 10 times with an aluminum baseball bat and then had her throat slashed by her husband, Ruben Moreno, 39. She had reported her husband to police previously for threatening her with a knife, but the case was dismissed. Moreno was sentenced to 61 years in prison for Rosalinda's murder. She had four children.

Cecilia Ochoa, 32
Residence: Dallas
August 4, 2002

Cecilia was shot by her husband, Abel Ochoa, 30, who also killed her two daughters, her father, and her sister. Police say Abel was addicted to crack cocaine and had smoked some before he attacked his wife's family at their home. One of her sisters survived the attack. Family members described Abel as abusive and controlling. He was sentenced to death for the murders.

Anna Perez, 32
Residence: Dallas
November 26, 2002

Anna was shot and her body was later found dumped in the Trinity River by her husband, Guadalupe Luna, 33. Family members had reported her missing in early November. Police say Luna confessed to the murder. Anna had two children.

Ilaria Solarzano, 22

Residence: Dallas

December 15, 2002

Police found Illaria dead from multiple gunshot wounds. Her boyfriend, Francisco Farias, was also found, critically injured. Police say Farias used an AK-47 to kill Solarzano and then shot himself in the head. While in the hospital, Farias was removed from life support, but he continued to breathe. A jury declared him mentally incompetent and unfit for trial. He will spend the rest of his life in a state hospital. Police say the couple had a history of domestic violence. Solarzano was eight months pregnant at the time of her death.

Shari White, 39

Residence: Plano

January 14, 2002

Shari was fatally shot by her estranged husband, Duane Paul White, 48, the night before their divorce hearing. Shari died a day later from her injuries. Duane died the next day from his injuries. Family members said Shari had been planning to seek unpaid child support and custody of the couple's two children.

DENTON COUNTY

Sheila Bowen, 37

Residence: Highland Village

August 12, 2002

Sheila and her husband, Charles Bowen, 43, were found dead by police, who were notified after a distress call was made from the home to a security service. Authorities say Bowen shot and killed Sheila before killing himself. Sheila had filed for divorce and told co-workers she was afraid of what her husband might do. She had two children.

Susan Grace Collins, 30

Residence: Flower Mound

March 12, 2002

Susan was shot in the head at close range by her husband, Thomas Lee Collins, 52. She had filed for divorce about a month and a half earlier. Thomas pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Lesley Cunningham, 27

Residence: Little Elm

August 24, 2002

Lesley was strangled by her husband, Jason Michael Cunningham. He told police he had found Lesley dead in their home after returning from a business trip. Almost two weeks

later, Cunningham was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police believe he killed his wife, then took his own life.

Yesenia Ramirez, 25

Residence: Flower Mound

April 29, 2002

Yesenia was stabbed multiple times in the chest by her husband, Luis Ramirez, 30. Their two young children were at home at the time of the murder. Police charged Luis in Yesenia's death *in absentia*, because he had fled to New Mexico. He was later captured and sentenced to life in prison.

ECTOR COUNTY

Estella Valenzuela Cadena Ramon, 37

Residence: Alpine

January 18, 2002

Police say Estella was shot at work by her estranged husband, Joe Albert Ramon, who also shot and injured a police officer. Family members told police that the couple had been separated for three years, during which time he had constantly harassed and threatened her and her family. She had filed a harassment complaint against him shortly before her murder. Joe Ramon was charged in Estella's death after being admitted to a hospital for gunshots to the torso. She had three children.

EL PASO COUNTY

Soledad Villalobos Burkell, 37

Residence: El Paso

January 27, 2002

Soledad was shot by her estranged husband, Robert Burkell. According to police, Robert Burkell broke into his wife's house, shot her and then killed himself. She had three children.

Robin Denton, 32

Residence: El Paso

November 2, 2002

Robin was hanged by her husband, Robert Louis Denton, 33, who then hanged himself. Robert was awaiting trial on child indecency charges at the time of the murder-suicide. She had five children.

Amy Jimenez, 22

Residence: El Paso

July 11, 2002

Amy was killed by a blow to the head after being run over by a vehicle. Her live-in boyfriend, Mark Banks, 46, was sentenced to 40 years in prison for the murder. The medical examiner found evidence of past abuse on Jimenez's body: one- to three-inch scars on her scalp, abdomen, and ankles, and healed burns on her arms, thighs, and back.

Nalini Singh, 28

Residence: El Paso

October 30, 2002

Nalini was dropping off her 5-year-old daughter at day-care when her estranged husband, Melvin Louis, 31, followed her inside and shot her, then himself. Singh had a protective order against Louis. Day-care employees called police to report a domestic disturbance and evacuated the children from the center. By the time police arrived, Singh was dead and Louis was seriously injured. He was later sentenced to life in prison.

FREESTONE COUNTY

Omah Faye Carter, Age Unknown

Residence: Buffalo

March 17, 2002

Omah was shot by her husband, Sam Carter, in an apparent murder suicide.

FRIO COUNTY

Carla Gibbs, 37

Residence: Dilley

June 22, 2002

Police say Carla was shot by her ex-husband, George A. Gibbs II, 43. Police found her body with multiple gunshot wounds and several defensive wounds to her arms. George led an 11-hour standoff with police before surrendering. He was charged in his ex-wife's death. She had two daughters.

GALVESTON COUNTY

Tamekia Danyelle Thomas, 26

Residence: Houston

August 26, 2002

Police say Tamekia was shot by her ex-husband, Charles Sylvester Aldridge, 24, in the throat, thigh, chest, and stomach. She died a day later, after being taken off life support. Authorities say the violence erupted during an argument about disciplining their two sons. Aldridge was charged in her death.

Hong Tuyet Valerio, 33

Residence: Galveston

March 21, 2002

Hong was strangled with an electric cord by her estranged husband, David W. Valerio, 48. He confessed via videotape, claiming he killed Hong because she rejected his attempts to reconcile. David Valerio was found guilty and faces 20 years to life in prison.

GONZALES COUNTY

Herminia Baradas Almarez, 38

Residence: Gonzalez

February 18, 2002

Herminia and her 15-year-old daughter were shot to death by her husband, Teddy William Sides, 50, who then killed himself. One other child survived.

HARDIN COUNTY

Velma Morgan, 41

Residence: Kountze

September 4, 2002

Velma was shot and killed at her mother's house by her husband, Louis Morgan. Police say Louis was upset because his wife was leaving him. After the shooting, he fled to his house and killed himself before police arrived.

HARRIS COUNTY

Mary Lou Acosta, 25

Residence: Houston

July 23, 2002

Mary was shot by her ex-boyfriend, George Sanchez, who then killed himself. Mary and Sanchez had ended their relationship one month prior to the murder-suicide. Sanchez had threatened to kill Mary in the past. Police believe the name George Sanchez was an alias. Her ex-boyfriend's true identity was Federico Sanchez Aguilar, 25. She had four children.

Myiesha Bennett, 15

Residence: Houston

July 3, 2002

Myeisha was strangled and beaten with stereo speakers by her ex-boyfriend, Derrick Dewayne Charles, 20. Charles waited in Myeisha's home and attacked her mother, Brenda Bennett, and her grandfather, Obie Bennett. Charles forced Brenda Bennett to watch as he killed her daughter Myiesha before sexually assaulting and strangling Brenda. He confessed to the crimes and was sentenced to death.

Shirley Collins Bradley, 38

Residence: Houston

October 12, 2002

Police say Shirley was shot by her husband, Gerald Wayne Bradley, 46, who then killed himself. The couple had a history of violence, according to investigators.

Jocelyn Cuby Carson, 26

Residence: Houston

September 9, 2002

Police say Jocelyn was shot by her husband, Whitney Gerrard Carson, 31. The couple had been recently separated. On the night of her murder, police say Jocelyn found her

estranged husband armed and waiting for her in the parking lot of a night club. According to police, when Jocelyn refused to talk to him, Whitney grabbed her by the arm and shot her once in the chest. He then stood over her and shot her twice in the head, according to authorities. Carson attempted suicide but was unsuccessful. He was later charged in Jocelyn's death.

Veronica Marie Colar, 41

Residence: Houston

September 23, 2002

Police say Veronica was stabbed by her boyfriend, Rodney Monroe Hunter, 35, when she tried to break up with him. Veronica was reported missing when she did not arrive to take her son to work. Police later found her body in her back yard, with multiple stab wounds to the chest. Hunter was arrested in Mississippi and charged in her death. Colar had three grown children and some grandchildren who lived with her, and she had just adopted a 1-year-old.

Debra Covalt, 39

Residence: Baytown

May 6, 2002

Debra was shot and her body left in a storage shed. Her husband, Stanley Jack Coring, Jr., confessed to the murder during police questioning. Police say Coring shot his wife three times when she said she was going to leave him.

April Leann Dykes, 17

Residence: Houston

November 2, 2002

Police say April was shot multiple times by her ex-boyfriend, Gilbert Anthony Martinez. The police report says Martinez drove Dykes to a park and killed her after they argued about her new relationship with another man.

Nakeisha Monique Edwards, 21

Residence: Houston

March 31, 2002

Police say Nakeisha was shot by her boyfriend, Oraque Carroll Moore, 22, after an argument. Moore then shot himself.

Erlinda Marina Sabillon Escalante, 27

Residence: Houston

June 21, 2002

Police say Erlinda was stabbed by her boyfriend, Hernan Espinal Manzanares, 52. Erlinda had told several friends that Manzanares was overly jealous and she was going to end the relationship with him. She was last seen alive walking to her home with Manzanares. Her body was found the next day. Manzanares was charged in her death. He had served jail time in Honduras for murdering his first wife.

Elizabeth Galloway, 42

Residence: Houston

August 27, 2002

Elizabeth was stabbed by her boyfriend, Roy Lee Smith. Police say Smith became enraged when Elizabeth tried to end their relationship, and he stabbed her twice in the neck. He was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Teresa Elizabeth Gensemer, 39

Residence: Houston

July 26, 2002

Police say her common-law husband, Ahmad Peyravi, stabbed her with a kitchen knife.

Melinda Lea Hill, 32

Residence: Houston

January 1, 2002

Police say Melinda was strangled by her boyfriend, Jeffery Warner. After she was reported missing, police performing a routine traffic stop searched Melinda's SUV, which was being driven by Warner. The officers discovered her's body stuffed into a sleeping bag in the back and arrested him on suspicion of homicide.

Rosa Isela Hillis, 31

Residence: Houston

December 8, 2002

Rosa was shot at her workplace by her common-law husband, Ramon Obdulio Dominguez. Police say Dominguez came to Hillis' workplace and asked her to step outside, where he pulled out a gun, grabbed her by the hair, and shot her in the back of the head. Dominguez left the scene but later turned himself in. The couple had a history of family violence, and she had an expired protective order against him.

Kimtuyet Thi Le, 56

Residence: Houston

July 30, 2002

Kimtuyet was shot at work by her estranged husband, Tu Le Ngo, 60. Police say Ngo walked into the restaurant he and Kimtuyet co-owned and shot her and two customers in the head at close range. Kimtuyet came to the United States from Vietnam with her husband in 1990. She had filed for divorce in 1999, but the case was later dismissed. The two hadn't lived together since 1997. Ngo pleaded guilty and is serving three life sentences. Kimtuyet had a daughter.

Sandra L. Leviston, 38

Residence: Houston

February 14, 2002

Police say Sandra was stabbed on Valentine's Day by her boyfriend, Carey D. Grant, 33, after she told him she wanted to break up. The police report says Grant stabbed her more than 25 times. Leviston's eight-year-old daughter found her mother's body the next morning. Grant was charged in Sandra's death.

Maria Pilar Lobo, 41

Residence: Houston

September 17, 2002

Maria's husband, David Lobo, 49, shot her in the head, chest, and back, then killed himself. Police say Maria Lobo had recently initiated divorce proceedings. The couple's 11-year-old son found the bodies.

Hattie McCann, 74

Residence: Houston

August 15, 2002

Hattie was strangled and suffocated by her husband, James McCann, 70. According to family members, McCann killed his wife because he no longer wanted to support her financially. McCann was sentenced to 8 years in prison for her murder.

Karol Lizeth Mena, 19

Residence: Houston

July 12, 2002

Police say Karol was shot in the head by her boyfriend, Ludwig Van Enriquez, 31. Karol's three children were inside the home when she was killed. Police charged Enriquez in her death.

Natalie Marie Moore, 25

Residence: Houston

June 1, 2002

She was stabbed with a large kitchen knife by her live-in boyfriend, Michael Allen Montgomery, 30. According to police, Montgomery thought Moore was cheating on him. He was sentenced to 60 years in prison for her murder.

Wanda L. Quinney, 45

Residence: Houston

May 2, 2002

She was assaulted and stabbed at home by her common-law husband, Erick Wayne Johnson, 22. Wanda's 16-year-old son awoke to his mother's screams and saw Johnson physically assaulting his mother. The boy tried to stop Johnson, but Johnson threw him against the wall and cut his arm with a knife. Johnson had cut the phone lines to the house, so the son left to find a nearby phone and called police. When officers arrived, Wanda tried to open the door for them, but Johnson slammed it shut and stabbed her twice in the chest. Johnson was indicted in her death.

Tammy Sanford, 28

Residence: Houston

December 21, 2002

Two days after Tammy turned down a marriage proposal from Gary Fontenot, 48, a Houston police officer, he shot her and then killed himself in his workplace parking lot.

Schelle Ann Walker-Jones, 34

Residence: Missouri City

May 23, 2002

Schelle and her son were shot and killed by her estranged husband, Glen Howard Jones, 35, while sitting in their car in traffic. The bullet that struck her in the neck also hit her son, Christopher. Jones shot and killed himself while being pursued by police. He had been convicted months earlier of sexually assaulting his wife.

Andrea Monique White, 32

Residence: Houston

September 8, 2002

Police say Andrea was shot by her live-in boyfriend, Calvin Haley, Jr., 35. Haley was charged in her death.

Kenjenea J. Williams, 22

Residence: Houston

June 12

Kenjenea was shot 15 times by her ex-boyfriend, Joseph Pernell Ruth, 40, during an argument over child support and custody of their two children. A police report says nine of the shots were to her head. Ruth was sentenced to 99 years in prison for her murder.

Linda Irene Rivera, 31

Residence: Houston

June 2

Police say Linda was shot in the throat by her estranged husband, Roel Rodriguez Rivera, 35.

Sandra Roman, 20

Residence: Houston

August 3, 2002

Sandra was found dead in the apartment she shared with her boyfriend Benjamin Otero, 20, after he confessed her murder to friends. She had wounds to her face, neck, chest, abdomen, hands, and arms. Police charged Otero in Sandra's death.

Alicia Rossel, 24

Residence: Houston

May, 2002

Alicia was strangled, beaten, and her body discarded in Greens Bayou. Police charged her husband, Manuel Rossel, 26, in her death. Investigators say Alicia died from strangulation and blunt-force trauma to the head.

HAYS COUNTY

Isabel Sanchez, 41

Residence: San Marcos

July 30, 2002

Isabel was shot twice by her boyfriend, Daniel Alvarez, 58, who killed himself when police arrived. Isabel's 14-year-old daughter heard the couple arguing and was frightened enough to call police. Isabel's two daughters both witnessed their mother's murder.

HIDALGO COUNTY

Elisa Cervantes, 27

Residence: Pharr

October 23, 2002

Police say Elisa was killed by her common-law husband, Fabian Campos, 27, who also killed her 8-year-old daughter. Campos was indicted for capital murder. Elisa had two other children who survived.

Maria Rodriguez, 40

Residence: Palmview

December 16, 2002

Maria was shot by her common-law husband, Arturo Peralez, 50. According to police, Maria had threatened to leave Peralez, so he shot her in the face. The couple's 3-year-old son witnessed his mother's murder. Peralez was convicted and sentenced to 60 years in prison.

Lydia Perez Sanchez, 36

Residence: Pharr

May, 2002

Lydia was strangled by her common-law husband, Eugenio Fernandez Mendez, 38. The couple had a history of domestic violence, and police say Mendez killed Lydia when an argument escalated. Mendez was sentenced to 99 years in prison for Lydia's death. She had two children.

HOPKINS COUNTY

Jovita Hernandez, 27

Residence: McAllen

August 4, 2002

Jovita was shot by her estranged husband, Manuel R. Hernandez, while she was visiting the home of her sister, Rosa LaPointe. Manuel Hernandez first shot LaPointe, who ran from the house and called police. When officers arrived, Manuel Hernandez held them off at gunpoint, then shot and killed his wife and himself. The couple's 11-year-old son witnessed his mother's murder. Jovita had two sons.

HOUSTON COUNTY

Shawna Jo Martinez, 39

Residence: Pasadena

October 9, 2002

Police say Shawna was strangled by her fiancé, Ronald Wayne Turner, 46. Police charged Turner in her death.

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

Julie Norton Kass, 38

Residence: Fort Davis

December 10, 2002

Julie was strangled and left inside her car by her husband, Donald Matthew Kass, 57. Two days later he was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. She had two children.

KAUFMAN COUNTY

Kelly Gallien, 38

Residence: Kaufman

February 19, 2002

Prior to her murder, Kelly had asked her husband, Lenny Gallien, 42, to move out. Not long after, he returned to the house and shot her and their 9-year-old daughter, Chyanne, in the head, killing them both. Gallien fled the state and was later returned by Oklahoma police after confessing to the crimes.

LEON COUNTY

Gay Wise Clinton, 42

Residence: Centerville

December 20, 2002

Gay was strangled by her husband, James Douglas Clinton, 50. Four days later, he also strangled their daughter. According to police, Clinton then put both bodies into sealed drums and moved them to another city. A few weeks later, James Clinton checked into a hotel and killed himself.

LUBBOCK COUNTY

Sophie Zapata Garcia, 35

Residence: Lubbock

April 4, 2002

Police say Sophie was beaten to death by her boyfriend, Richard W. Livesay, 30. A police report says he repeatedly hit Sophie on the head, face, and body; grabbed her hair and cut her arm with a knife. She died a few days later from her injuries. Livesay was indicted in her death.

MCLENNAN COUNTY

Brandy Burkett, 24

Residence: Mart

December, 2002

Police say Brandy was shot in the head by Brian Dale Cass, 30, in what was deemed an intimate-partner homicide. She was nine months pregnant. Police say the pair had had ongoing arguments about child support. Cass was charged in her death.

Steffany Sklar, 19

Residence: Edna

February 14, 2002

Steffany was beaten and had her throat slit on Valentine's Day by her boyfriend, Brady Paris, 23. She was last seen leaving with Paris for their date at a night club. Her body was found six days later floating in the North Bosque River. Police had identified Paris as the prime suspect when he killed himself a few days after Steffany's body was found.

MONTAGUE COUNTY

Carol Sanderson, 32

Residence: Bowie

October 16, 2002

Carol was shot twice in the head by her boyfriend, Harold Gene Cable, Jr. Cable pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison. She had two children.

ORANGE COUNTY

Mirian McElroy, 52

Residence: Orange

January 28, 2002

Police say Mirian was shot by her boyfriend, Perry Anthony Stevenson, 42, who then set their shared home on fire. Stevenson, who has a history of mental illness, then left the home and broke into a nearby house, police said. According to the police report, Stevenson shot four people inside that home, including two children, and stole a car. After crashing the car, Stevenson fled to woods, where more than 100 law-enforcement officers searched for him. He was caught the next day and indicted on capital murder charges.

POLK COUNTY

Katrina Harrison, 26

Residence: Livingston

December 19, 2002

Katrina was stabbed in her apartment by her boyfriend, Charles Michael Thomas. He later killed himself while in prison.

SMITH COUNTY

Marla Tabb, 35

Residence: Troup

August 5, 2002

Marla was beaten to death in her bedroom by her husband, Rev. Mike Tabb, 42. She was found lying in a pool of blood, with a broken jaw. Police report that Mike had been verbally and physically abusive to his wife in the past. Mike was charged in Marla's death and he agreed to a plea bargain of 50 years in prison. Prosecutors removed the plea bargain after Tabb failed to appear in court. A jury later sentenced him to 55 years in prison. She had two sons.

STARR COUNTY

Juanita Sanchez Vasquez, 33

Residence: Rio Grande City

January 25, 2002

Police say Juanita was shot by her husband, Benito Vasquez, before he killed himself. The day before the murder-suicide, she had filed a restraining order against Benito because she told authorities he had recently attempted to set their house on fire. He had been charged with arson and sexual assault in that incident, but was released on bail at the time of Juanita's death. She had four children.

TARRANT COUNTY

Lorraine Hendricks, 82

Residence: Arlington

August 13, 2002

She was shot at home by her husband, John Harold Hendricks, in an apparent murder-suicide. Their son had visited them earlier in the day, but he left when the couple began to quarrel.

Vivian Morrison, 29

Residence: Fort Worth

May 7, 2002

Vivian was beaten, stabbed and doused with gasoline as part of an attempted live burning by her boyfriend, Twan Tyler, 33. In what police say was an argument that became violent, Tyler struck Vivian on the head with a hammer six times, stabbed her in the chest, then doused her with gasoline and turned on the gas stove before leaving the house. No fire occurred, but Vivian died of her injuries. The couple had a history of domestic violence, and at the time of Morrison's murder, Tyler was on probation for burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault. Tyler was sentenced to 70 years in prison for her murder. She had three children.

Thelma Sims, 66

Residence: Forth Worth

January 12, 2002

Thelma was shot by her husband, Lee Sims, 68, who then called police to report what he had done. She died two days later. Lee pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 13 years in prison.

Angela F. Thompson, 38

Residence: Forest Hill

October 23, 2002

Angela was shot at home by her estranged husband, Kelvin Thompson, 39, as the couple's three children slept. He then killed himself. They had been separated for about a month when the murder took place.

TERRY COUNTY

Lucy Burciaga, 42

Residence: Meadow

February 21, 2002

Lucy was shot by her estranged husband, Fausto Burciaga Bienvenido, who then killed himself. The couple were in the process of getting a divorce when the murder-suicide took place.

TRAVIS COUNTY

Diane Biondo, 41

Residence: Austin

October 20, 2002

Police say Diane was strangled at her apartment by her boyfriend, Douglas Wayne Clark, 50. Police charged Clark in her death.

Irene Hernandez Colunga, 35

Residence: Austin

August 26, 2002

Irene was at a friend's house when her estranged husband, Raymond Colunga, 40, burst in and shot her in the face with a rifle. Colunga was sentenced to life in prison for her murder.

Barbara Hill, 47

Residence: Austin

April 3, 2002

Barbara was stabbed by her boyfriend, Guy Len Allen, 40. Her daughter, Janette Johnson, 19, called 911 and reported that Allen was beating her mother. When police arrived, they found both women's bodies. Allen had stabbed Barbara 46 times and Janette 10 times. Allen was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death.

Marilyn Hill, 39

Residence: Austin

March 7, 2002

Marilyn was shot while getting ready for church by her ex-boyfriend, Eugene Hodge. She had recently broken up with Hodge, who tried unsuccessfully to kill himself after he murdered Marilyn. Hodge was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Jesusita Seale, 54

Residence: Austin

October 7, 2002

Jesusita was shot by her husband, Wayne Seale, who then killed himself. Police were called to the Seales' home when shots were heard by neighbors. Officers discovered the two bodies in the garage. Wayne had been arrested several times in the past for assaulting his wife. Jesusita had five children.

TRINITY COUNTY

Karassa Ramon Horn, 29

Residence: Lufkin

June 30, 2002

Karassa was shot as she exited a night club by her ex-boyfriend, Desmond Djuan Lee. A few hours later, Lee was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

VAN ZANT COUNTY

Sharon Marie Ragland, 49

Residence: Canton

April 24, 2002

Sharon was shot by her husband, Barry Steven Ragland, 41, who then burned her body and dumped her remains in a field. The couple was going through a divorce, and Sharon Ragland had told friends she was afraid of her husband. At one time, she had filed a temporary protective order against him, but by April 2002 she was considering reconciliation. Ragland pleaded guilty to her murder and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

WALLER COUNTY

Margaret Hardy Dick, 54

Residence: Hempstead

December 21, 2002

Margaret was beaten and stabbed in her bedroom by her husband, Charles Britton Dick, 60, who then shot and killed himself. According to a police report, Charles used a hammer to beat Margaret, then stabbed her several times. He then chased and attacked their 13-year-old daughter, who survived. Investigators say money problems likely led to the violence.

WHARTON COUNTY

Doris Janik, 49

Residence: Crescent

May 13, 2002

Police say Doris was shot by her husband, Irvin James Janik, who then turned himself in to authorities.

WICHITA COUNTY

Celia Hernandez, 47

Residence: Wichita Falls

December 7, 2002

Celia was stabbed at home by her boyfriend, Justino Aguirre, 35. According to family members, the couple had a history of violence. Aguirre pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 25 years in prison. Celia had four children.

Cathy Showman, 53

Residence: Wichita Falls

January 12, 2002

Police say Cathy was stabbed, bludgeoned and strangled by her ex-boyfriend, James Leslie Gardner, Jr. According to authorities, Gardner had moved out of the home he shared with Cathy after she asked him to leave. But police say he later returned and killed her.

WILLACY COUNTY

Maria Cantu, 46

Residence: Raymondville

June 22, 2002

Maria was shot as she sat drinking her morning coffee by her common-law husband, Jesus Ruiz, who then killed himself. The couple's three children were in the house at the time of the murder-suicide.